

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Masato KUWABARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1772

Application No.: 10/755,848

Examiner: William P. Watkins III

Filed: January 13, 2004

Attorney Docket No.: 7372/80961

Confirmation No. 8436

Customer No.: 42798

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

a. Previously submitted:

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on November 3, 2006.

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Other:

b. Enclosed:

Amendment/Reply

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Other:

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2. Additional Items:

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of [No. of Months Suspension 1.103(c)] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required.)

A petition for extension of time is enclosed.

A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

Other:

Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27).

RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) without a claim of small entity status is: \$790.00.

RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) by an entity claiming small entity status is: \$395.00.

A check in the amount of \$ [Check Amount enclosed] is enclosed.

Charge \$ 790.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 referencing Order No. 7372/80961.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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